GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRIALISATION OF REMOTE AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Transport Subsidy Scheme to promote industrialization in hilly, remote and inaccessible areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the Districts covered under the said scheme;

(d) whether the Government is aware that Kandhamal District of Orissa is a hilly, remote and inaccessible area in the State;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to include the said district under the Scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the criteria fixed for selection and including the areas under the said scheme ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (g): The Transport Subsidy Scheme was introduced in July, 1971 for promoting industrialization in hilly, remote and inaccessible areas of the country. The Scheme is applicable to all the industrial units (barring plantations, refineries and power generating units) irrespective of their size, both in private and the public sector, located in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Darjeeling District of West Bengal, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, hill Districts of Uttaranchal and the North-Eastern region States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland Tripura and Sikkim. Under the Scheme, subsidy ranging between 50% to 90% is admissible on the transport cost incurred on the movement of raw material and finished goods from the designated rail-heads/ports upto the location of the industrial unit(s) and vice-versa for a period of five years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The Scheme has been extended from time to time and is at present applicable upto 31.03.2007.

There is no proposal to include Kandhamal District of Orissa under the Transport Subsidy Scheme.